

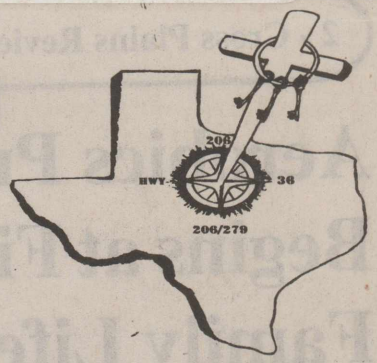


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"A Tribute to Joe Dodds"

By Vanda Anderson
Editor

It is difficult for me to realize that Joe Dodds has gone to be with his Creator. I have enjoyed his friendship since he moved back to his hometown.

The first time he came by the Review I didn't recognize him immediately and he said, "Vanda, you don't know who I am?" I told him to take off his dark glasses and I might. When he removed the shades I realized it was Joe. He remarked, "I thought you would surely know my voice." It had been a long time since I had seen him.

Over the years he came by the office regularly to make copies and we visited. Only last week he called and we had a great conversation. He wanted to see how I was, and I should have called to see how he was. He was recuperating from recent hip replacement surgeries. He had the surgeries one week apart.

Joe had fought a courageous battle with cancer for 13 years. He had been told that he wasn't going to live thousands of times, but he kept beating the odds because he had a strong desire to live. His son was in the fifth grade when he was first diagnosed and he battled health issues to see Joseph through his second year of college.

His sister, Star Recker, remarked, "Joe loved life. He wouldn't give up, when the rest of us probably would have." Star demonstrated her love for her brother when she donated the bone marrow for his transplant in

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Cross Plains Public Library to offer GED Classes if Interest Merits

The Cross Plains Public Library will offer GED classes again, if 12 or more students indicate an interest in attending.

Please call the library at (254) 725-7722 to register or for further information.

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Commissioners make no changes to Salary Grievance Committee

Callahan County Commissioners voted to make no changes to the county's Salary Grievance Committee during the commissioners' court meeting held Monday, January 10 at the County Courthouse in Baird.

On a motion by Commissioner Harold Hicks and second by Commissioner Tommy Holland, commissioners voted 5-0 to leave the Salary Grievance Committee as is with the six public officials and three public members.

On a motion by Commissioner Bryan Farmer and second by Commissioner Doris Grider, commissioners voted 5-0 to accept Linda Cavanaugh, Bradina Benson and David Abernathy as the three public members to serve on the Salary Grievance Committee. The three public members names were drawn from the grand jury list.

The six elected officials on the committee include: County Attorney Shane Deel, County Sheriff Eddie Curtis, Tax Assessor/Collector Tammy Walker, District Clerk Sharon Owens, County Treasurer Dianne

Alexander and County Clerk Jeanie Bohannon. County Judge Roger Corn is chairman of the committee.

The committee is established according to Local Government Code #152.014.

County commissioners also voted to name Baird Precinct #3 Commissioner Tommy Holland to serve as Judge Pro-Tem for 2005. Commissioner Holland will fill-in as Judge Pro-Tem during the absence of Judge Corn at the commissioners' court meetings.

On a motion by Commissioner Grider and second by Commissioner Farmer, commissioners voted 5-0 to appoint Commissioner Holland as Judge Pro-Tem.

Also, commissioners voted to pay all current bills. On a motion by Commissioner Holland and second by Commissioner Grider, commissioners voted 5-0 to pay all current bills.

On a motion by Commissioner Hicks and second by Commissioner Farmer, commissioners voted 5-0 to adjourn the commissioners' court meeting.

World War II History Awakens

When he left his family ranch near Breckenridge as a teen-ager, to attend Military School of New Mexico, Bob Green never dreamed he would travel half way around the world and return as a decorated tank commander.

Green shared his experiences in WWII with a crowd of nearly 50 at the recent "Meet the Author" sponsored by the local public library.

His recently published "Okinawa Odyssey" is a story theme shared by thousands and thousands of young men back in the early 40's. Young men who were called into active duty and left their carefree youth behind as they experienced new adventures on a daily basis. Adventures of danger and terror, gun fire and injuries and watching buddies die were all too common.

Green's story of his personal odyssey that culminated with the Invasion of Okinawa, included touches of humor as he related how quickly the flat-landers got sea sick when they embarked on battle ships headed for the Pacific arena.

Another aspect of his odyssey included times of bravery as when he evacuated an injured buddy out of the bottom of his disabled tank and over into the bottom of another tank, all the while under enemy fire.

Green's journey continued with events of extreme frustration as he told of the extensive planning and execution of the invasion plan, only to discover the battalion had landed on the wrong island. Equally frustrating

were their attempts to get the Japanese out of their underground bunkers.

Part of his journey included his own dedication and determination to succeed when he received a battle field promotion and found himself with the new title of tank commander.

His odyssey finally took a more positive turn as new tanks arrived on the front with the capability of shooting flames around the corners of the bunkers. This technique brought the Japanese out into the open in very short order.

In the waning days of the Invasion of Okinawa, Green shared how he had climbed to the highest point on the island to ascertain potential enemy positions. Hearing a plane approaching, he ducked for cover. As the enemy plane, flying extremely low, swooped right over Green, the kamikaze pilot looked him straight in the eyes and.....waved. "Without thinking, I waved right back," laughed Green. The young pilot turned and flew off as to say that further attacks were useless.

The "Okinawa Odyssey" is a must read for WWII and/or history buffs—a gripping story of a young cowboy who became of age on his journey through the war.

The Cross Plains Public Library is proud of its continuing goal of bringing authors of a wide range of published interest to the community. Thank you for your ongoing support of this activity.

Submitted by
Arlene Stephenson

State Bird and State Flower Quilt Drawing to be held

The drawing for the State Bird and State Flower Quilt will be held at the American Legion Building, February 11th, at 10:00 a.m.

The public is invited to attend. The quilt will be displayed and tickets sold at the Dairy Queen until the day of the drawing.

The tickets have sold very well. An announcement will be made

at the time of the drawing of how much money was donated. The funds received will be donated to the American Legion Hall and used as money for a matching grant to paint the outside walls. The American Legion Hall is applying for a matching grant through the Economic Development Corporation.



CALLAHAN COUNTY JR. LIVESTOCK SHOW- Saturday, January 22, 2005. Junior and Senior Showmanship Awards. Winners are back row l to r: Jamie Cooley, Kandi Anders, Skyler Archa and Whitney Hicks. Second row l to r: Rose Wamsley, Tiffany Hol-

land, Emily Harris, Brandon Black, Kinsey Dean, and bottom row: Breanna Mayfield and KaSarah Seabourn.

2005 Callahan County Stock Show a Huge Success

Results from the 2005 Callahan County Jr. Livestock Show held on Thursday, Friday & Saturday, January 20-22 at the County Jr. Livestock Show barn in Cross Plains.

RABBITS

Jr. Showmanship-Skyler Archa, Eula 4-H
Sr. Showmanship-Tiffany Holland, Cross Plains FFA

Breeding Rabbits

White Bucks
1st place Cody Cedergren, Clyde 4-H; 2nd place Michael Archa, Eula 4-H; 3rd place Michael Archa, Eula 4-H; 4th place Skyler Archa, Eula 4-H; 5th place Skyler Archa, Eula 4-H.

Colored Bucks

1st place Skyler Archa, Eula 4-H; 2nd place Michael Archa, Eula 4-H; 3rd place Michael Archa, Eula 4-H; 4th place Naomi Isbell, Cross Plains FFA; 5th place Michael Archa, Eula 4-H.

Champion Buck-Skyler Archa, Eula 4-H.

Reserve Champion Buck-Michael Archa, Eula 4-H.

White Does

1st place Michael Archa, Eula 4-H; 2nd place Skyler Archa, Eula 4-H; 3rd place Michael Archa, Eula 4-H; 4th place Skyler Archa, Eula 4-H.

Colored Does

1st place Skyler Archa, Eula 4-H; 2nd place Michael Archa, Eula 4-H; 3rd place Breanna Patterson, Baird 4-H; 4th place Naomi Isbell, Cross Plains FFA; 5th place Skyler Archa, Eula 4-H.

Champion Doe-Skyler Archa, Eula 4-H.

Reserve Champion Doe-Michael Archa, Eula 4-H

Market Rabbits

Fryer Pens
1st place Hailey Biggs, Cross Plains FFA; 2nd place Summer Hargrove, Baird FFA; 3rd place Tiffany Holland, Cross Plains FFA; 4th place Katelynn Smotherman, Clyde 4-H; 5th place Kayla Dowdy, Clyde FFA.

Grand Champion Fryer-Hailey Biggs, Cross Plains FFA.

Reserve Champion Fryer Pen-Summer Hargrove, Baird FFA.

BROILERS

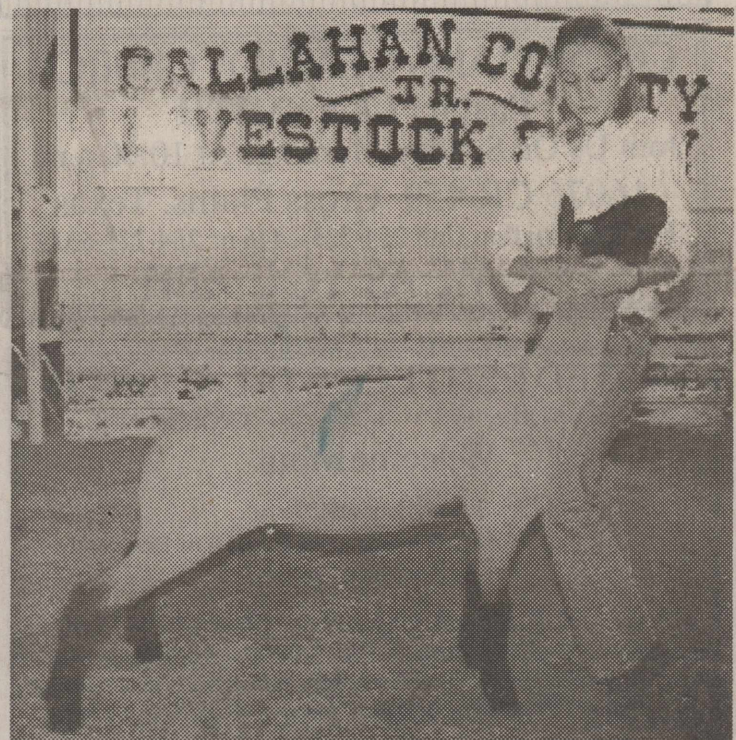
Jr. Showmanship-Rose Wamsley, Baird 4-H.

Pen of Three

1st place Jonathan Hopkins, Cross Plains FFA; 2nd place Koby Parker, Baird FFA; 3rd place Jonathan Hopkins, Cross Plains FFA; 4th place Whitney Hicks, Clyde 4-H; 5th place Justin Patterson, Baird FFA.

Grand Champion Broiler-Jonathan Hopkins, Cross Plains FFA.

Reserve Champion Broiler-



CALLAHAN COUNTY JR. LIVESTOCK SHOW- Saturday, January 22, 2005. Grand Champion Market Lamb shown by Emily Harris of Cross Plains FFA.



CALLAHAN COUNTY JR. LIVESTOCK SHOW- Saturday, January 22, 2005. Grand Champion Breeding Gilt-Kaylean Miller, Clyde 4-H Reserve Champion Breeding Gilt-Brittany Chesser, Eula 4-H.

Koby Parker, Baird FFA.

SWINE

Jr. Showmanship-KaSarah Seabourn, Clyde 4-H.

Sr. Showmanship-Jamie Cooley, Eula FFA.

Breeding Swine

Cross Gilt

1st place Emma Bennett, Cross Plains FFA; 2nd place Dillan Strickland, Clyde 4-H; 3rd place Kaylean Miller, Clyde 4-H; 4th place Kevin Pickens, Eula 4-H; 5th place Kat Johnston, Baird 4-H.

Hampshire Gilts

1st place Brittany Chesser, Eula 4-H; 2nd place Katelynn Mitchell, Baird 4-H; 3rd place Savanna Wyatt, Cross Plains FFA.

Duroc Gilts

1st place Kaylean Miller, Clyde 4-H.

Champion Breeding Gilt-Kaylean Miller, Clyde 4-H Reserve Champion Breeding Gilt-Brittany Chesser, Eula 4-H.

Market Swine

Light Weight Black OPB
1st place Rachella Allen, Cross Plains FFA; 2nd place Chase Walsh, Clyde 4-H; 3rd place Preston Clark, Baird 4-H; 4th place Dusty Cooper, Cross Plains FFA.

Middle Weight Black OPB
1st place Kelbi Hyles, Cross Plains FFA; 2nd place Jagher Gray, Clyde 4-H; 3rd place Chandler Jefferies, Baird FFA.

Heavy Weight Black OPB
1st place Jagher Gray, Clyde 4-H; 2nd place Jagher Gray, Clyde 4-H; 3rd place Kallie Pruet, Baird 4-H; 4th place Chris Goodman, Clyde FFA;

See Stock Show Page 4

Aerobics Program Begins at First Baptist Family Life Center

An Aerobics Program will be held each Monday, beginning January 31st, from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Family Life Center at First Baptist Church in Cross Plains.

Marla Childers will be leading the group in Pilates' Low-Impact

Aerobics. This will include stretching and exercises that are excellent for those suffering from arthritis, etc.

All women of the community and area are invited to attend. There is no charge for this program.

Christian Men's Fellowship Breakfast January 29th

Our next Fellowship Breakfast will be at the Believers Fellowship Church in Cross Plains at 8 a.m.

Please plan to attend. We have been having a good turn-out, and everyone really enjoys the food, fellowship, and prayer time together.

The Christian Men's Fellowship

Breakfast is scheduled for every other Saturday morning at 8 a.m. Put us on your calendar.

For more information call H.D. Hopkins (254) 725-6355 or Matt McGowen (254) 725-7599.

Every word of God is pure, He is a shield unto them that put their trust in him.

Submitted by H.D. Hopkins

To get your name on the Birthday Column, send your name and date of birth to *The Cross Plains Review*, P.O. Box 519, Cross Plains, Texas 76443. There is no charge for this service. **To delete a name due to death or other reason send name and birth date (Month and Day) or Call (254) 725-6111.**

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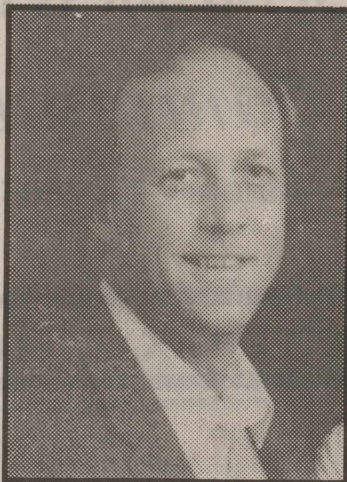
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 Evening Service.....6:00 P.M.
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 Sunday Morning Worship.....11:00 A.M.
 Sunday Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M.
Bill Armstrong - Pastor

OBITUARIES



Joe Dwayne Dodds

Joe Dwayne Dodds, 53, of Cross Plains, passed away Friday, January 21, 2005, at his home, after a strong and courageous battle from various types of cancer.

Funeral services were held at 4:00 p.m. Sunday, January 23, 2005, at Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel with Bob Pipes officiating. Burial was in the Cross Plains Cemetery.

Joe was born November 3, 1951 in Sweetwater, Texas to Harold Lane and Gayna Lee (Souder) Dodds. Joe graduated from Cross Plains High School in 1970, where he was a top athlete in football, baseball and track, the recipient of many honors. He also played trumpet in the high school band and stage band. He attended Cisco Junior College on a music scholarship. Joe loved playing the guitar with friends, he loved horses, and even tried bull riding.

Powell Hogan Foster

Powell Hogan Foster, 65, loving husband, father, and grandfather, of Clovis, New Mexico, went to be with the Lord on January 18, 2005.

Powell was born to Mark L. and Loda Foster September 25, 1939 in Slaton, Texas. He married Sallie Sue Harris June 17, 1961 in Dumas.

Mr. Foster received his B.B.A. from ENMU in 1962. He served in the Air Force during the Vietnam War. He moved back to Clovis, New Mexico in 1967 where he served the community as a CPA, establishing his own firm in 1975. He had recently merged with A&CG, LLP. Powell was an elder and served as treasurer of First Presbyterian Church in Clovis, New Mexico, and treasured his years as a Little League Baseball coach.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brother-in-law, Jim Weaver.

Survivors include his wife, Sallie; children, David and Lori

Joyce Kniffen Monsey

Joyce Irene Monsey, 54, of Clyde, passed away Tuesday, January 18, 2005, at a local hospital. Services were held Thursday, January 20, at 3:00 p.m. at Highway 36 Church of Christ with Jon Schwiethale officiating. Burial was in the Clyde Cemetery, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Joyce was born on September 4, 1950 in Abilene to Eugene and Kathryn (Schaffrina) Kniffen. She graduated from Clyde High School in 1971 and Abilene Christian University in 1975. She married Jackie Monsey on July 11, 1992 at Highway 36 Church of Christ. The couple have lived in Clyde throughout their marriage. Mrs. Monsey was a teacher at Clyde Junior High

He was employed several years at 3M in Brownwood. Joe later moved to Dallas where he was hired for western wear modeling, restaurant managing, and finally found his niche as a private investigator.

After extensive cancer treatment and a bone marrow transplant, he returned home to Cross Plains around 10 years ago, where he wanted to live his final days. Joe was a member of Cross Plains Church of Christ.

His greatest joy, and who he was most proud of, was his surviving son, Joseph Raymond Dodds of Fort Collins, Colorado.

Other survivors include his mother, Gayna Dodds, and step-father, Dick Harris, of Arlington; a brother, Tom Dodds of Houston; a sister, Star Recker, and husband, Jim, of Arlington; Joseph's mother and recent caregiver, Gina Scaminaci; an aunt, Dorothy (Souder) Garrett, cousins, nieces and nephews; and his valuable Church of Christ family.

He was preceded in death by his father, Harold Lane Dodds; grandmother, Flora Wright; and uncles, Ted Souder and Joe Souder.

Pallbearers were Tom Merryman, Steve Fortune, Randy Strickland, Larry Martineau, Keith Lawrence and Elvin Goode.

Memorials may be made to M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston (713) 792-2121.

Gale of Tucson, Arizona, Barry and Stephanie Foster of Roswell, New Mexico; six grandchildren, Marshall Harris Foster, Geoffrey Foster Gale, Marcus Hogan Foster, Michael Hunter Foster, Sean Stanley Gale and Carol Lorene Foster; sister-in-law, Pat Weaver and her children and grandchildren; and an extended family in Texas.

A memorial service was held Tuesday, January 25, 2005, at First Presbyterian Church at 10 a.m. with the Rev. Lance Clemons officiating. Burial was at Atwell Cemetery in Cross Plains.

Honorary pallbearers included his five grandsons, two nephews, the men of First Presbyterian Church, his many loving friends and associates, and fellow Masons of Clovis Lodge #40.

Memorial contributions may be made to First Presbyterian Church in Clovis, UNM Children's Hospital, or any charity devoted to children.

She had also taught at the Bridge in Abilene. She was a member of Highway 36 Church of Christ.

Survivors include her husband, Jackie Monsey of Clyde; two daughters, Brandi Buitron and husband, Daniel, of May, and Sham Marie Hefflin Tinokha of Leonard; her father, Eugene Kniffen of Clyde; one brother, Larry Kniffen of Lubbock; four sisters, Kay Franklin of Krum, Doris Searcy of Clyde, Anita Robinson of Abilene and Judy Morris of Hamby; five grandchildren including Journey Ethan, Tristan Daniel and Trinity Eden Buitron, all of May and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Kathryn Louise Kniffen.

COURTHOUSE NEWS

COUNTY COURT
 Roger Corn, Presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

Tommy L. Phillips, driving while intoxicated (DWI).
 David Garcia, possession of marijuana.
 Richard M. Caldwell, theft.
 Melvin L. Wade, securing execution of document by deception, class B.
 Pat L. Merideth, criminal trespass.
 Robert Sterling, criminal trespass.
 Zachery Patterson, theft by check.
 Kimberly Pursley, theft by check.
 William Pursley, theft by check.

LP#J98-DPH, VIN # 1G3AM47AXEM348127, Smith & Wesson handgun, model #49, serial #44608, Ruger handgun, model #P90, serial #661-65692, Compaq Presario laptop computer, series CM 2000, serial #1V86BY44SM44, Dell laptop computer, model #PPL, serial #DP/N00060888-12800-82-H-3963, nunc pro tunc default judgment granted.
 Randall Scott Bland & Becky Renee Bland, divorce granted.

Criminal Information & Complaints

Jason Kilough, burglary of a building.

Criminal Minutes

Don P. Ferguson, plea of guilty to possession of controlled substance with intent to manufacture, 10 years in prison.

Misdemeanor Minutes

Melissa Jaeckel, motion to withdraw as surety granted.
 End of term order discharging defendant under deferred adjudication; Wallace Smedley, Chris Taylor.
 Mary J. York, motion to dismiss to theft by check granted, paid restitution.
 Delisa S. Ramsey, plea of guilty to theft by check, 2 year probation, \$150 fine, \$293 court costs, \$240.58 restitution.
 Delisa S. Ramsey, transfer request from Callahan Co. to Scurry Co. granted.

Marriage Licenses

Michael Andrew McDade and Dottie Ann Winton, both of Abilene.
 Button Ray Ancell and Sonya Lynn Smith, both of Clyde.

42nd DISTRICT COURT
 John Weeks, presiding

Civil Filings

Tyson Frank Kropp and Crystal Deann Kropp, divorce.

Civil Minutes

The State of Texas vs. Oldsmobile Cutlass, TX

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COTTONWOOD NEWS

BY WALLACE BENNETT

Firefighters Elect Two New Board Members

The Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Unit elected two new members at the annual membership meeting last Saturday night, January 27, 2005.

Bob Childress was re-elected as Fire Chief and Tom Bennett as Assistant Fire chief. Faye Gilliam was elected to replace herself as secretary and treasurer.

Other members of the Board are Wendel Draper, Beverly Brown, Joe Bessalaar, Joe Terstege, and Arnold Smith.

The fire training meetings will occur each third Tuesday of the Month at 7:00 p.m. at the Fire House in Cottonwood. Please be there.

Old Book Discovered

I have a new old book in my library, written by Charles Dickens. He was born Feb. 7, 1812 and lived until June 9, 1870.

His book is entitled "The Pickwick Papers," Vol. II. Several facts about this little book make it an important "find." First of which is its publication date of 1902 and that makes the book itself over 100 years old, and secondly its line-up in the history of publishing is somewhat unique.

According to information taken from the back of the book itself, it was published in London and New York as a two volume set in a series of the Unit Library, which was a small manual-size set of books, being, "A miscellany of original and selected publications in the various departments of literature, science and the Arts."

There is no evidence in the notes at the back of the book about how many books were in the collection called the Unit Library, but there is a list of the first one hundred. "The Pickwick

Papers" appears as Volume 11 & 12 of that list, and the list contains such notable works as Faraday's "Chemical History of a Candle," Darwin's, "Origin of the Species", and Lytton's, "Last Days of Pompeii."

Another peculiar thing about this particular set of books; a pasted label in front reveals that this set of books was awarded to Arthur Menzies, a Class I, Junior scholar, for general proficiency by D. S. Lawson, M.A., Head Master in June 1908. The institution; Perth School Board, Caledonian Road School, Supplementary Department.

So, the search begins for Volume I of this little set of books.

(Please contact Wallace Bennett (254) 725-7474 for news or personal items for this column. E-mail is csb5@airmail.net. Snail mail address is 11093 CR 440, Cross Plains, Texas 76443.)

LIBRARY NOTES

Check It Out!

Behind the Books

Yeh, I know that budgets get really, really tight this time of the year and some things just have to go. If you are among those who enjoy a variety of magazines, but just cannot justify the expense of the subscriptions....guess what???? Our library has a whole wall of magazines available for your enjoyment at no cost to you.

We have magazines for the home, for parents, for the science minded, for the financial minded, the news minded and the bird minded. You can travel around the world via the *Smithsonian* and the *Sierra*. Or you can just browse the *Consumer Report* and determine what is the best thing to buy with the money you are saving by using your local library.

January 17-21

Circulation:

Books: 68
Interlibrary Loan: 2
Internet Users: 13

Donations:

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Curt and Ginny Hoskins
Richard and Mary Ann Chaffin

Donations - Books:

Ruina W. Judd

Activity Report

Patron: 61
A.M. 7 (Lap 5
Lapsit 3)
P.M. 44
Programs: 25
Copies: 2
Reference: 4
Check In/Out Books: 57
Calls In: 3
Internet Users: 13

Down Home—

February 1994. They celebrated that date as his new birthday, as it gave him a second chance for life.

Joe spent a lot of time at M.D. Anderson and was a firm believer in their capabilities. He agreed to experimental treatment, and some of the procedures they tried on him helped improve the quality of lives for other cancer patients. Thank God for the brave ones who take the risks to discover new treatments, etc.

When I thought I might be facing cancer, Joe encouraged me to go the M.D. Anderson. He would call me every week for an update. He provided all the necessary telephone numbers and told me he wouldn't leave me alone until I found out something—and he did just that. His concern for others was outstanding and will be long remembered.

Star said she always prayed that Joe would be able to go peacefully and God certainly granted her wish. He is now free from the pain of this world.

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QUIPS, CLIPS & COMMENTS

BY KAY MOSLEY

Note: And now a few words from Apple Orchard Annie—I've moved, I'm now in the Apple Butter Tree. See ya!

"Doodle Bugs, Ants, Toads and Marbles"

Doodle bug, doodle bug, come out and get your bread and butter. Your house is on fire.

Do you remember playing that as a child? You'd try and try to flick him out of the sand where he was holed up. You could always see where they'd dug because there was a small indentation left in the sand with a circle around and above it. But it was still hard to locate it and get it out. For one thing, they always walked backward. It was great fun. We didn't eradicate them, just relocate 'em. If they could get a spider or fly or other bug to walk into their doodle bug hole, they would 'way lay' it and have a picnic. They seemed to especially like spiders. The doodle bugs had pinchers on their feet.

Something else we often played with as children that you can

hardly find anymore is the little horned toads. They would eat the ants and if you were gentle with them, you could pick them up and hold them for a little while. You could very gently turn them over on their back and see the ants in their white stomachs. You could count the ants, one, two, three, four, five and on and on.

They would only spit at you if you were mean or antagonizing them. I never had one spit at me, but I did witness a few spitting at others. There were other games played on the ground also, like mumbley peg, played with a pocket knife.

Another game was marbles. You drew a circle in the dirt and everyone put some of their marbles in. Then you took your big marble and tried to shoot some out of the circle. You took turns at this and then counted up. The winner was the person who shot the most marbles belonging to the others out of the circle. The person who accomplished this feat was declared the winner and had a lot more marbles when he left than when he arrived.

What's your game????

Barb's Cues

By Barbara Holmes Worcester

Positive and Negative Attitudes

Our attitudes usually border on being either positive or negative. I think if we realized what a toll negative attitudes took on our well-being and on the well-being of those around us, we would give more attention to dwelling on the positives.

Did you know that most surgeons do not want to operate on a patient who is depressed? I do not know all of the negative things depression causes but they are many. On the other hand "a cheerful heart doeth good like a medicine". (Proverbs)

One of the greatest negatives is unforgiveness. It usually comes from resentments, anger, grudges and refusal to let go of the past. For very good reason, the Bible says not to let the sun set on your anger. Anger is just one letter short of DANGER, in other words, we NEED to forgive. Especially since we are not perfect and we need to be forgiven, we must forgive. Some people have held a grudge so long that they do not even remember how it started. "Hatfields and McCoys just fight."

Positive attitudes build up as much as negatives destroy. Love, joy, and peace are contagious. It is difficult to be around someone who radiates any one of these three attitudes without improving our own.

I read an interesting anecdote the other day. It seems that a woman was angered at a car in front of her that did some sort of driving no-no. When she came to a stop light, she began yelling

at the driver, name calling, and whatever. A policeman stopped her and took her to the police station. He got her drivers license and when he returned, he was apologetic. "I thought your car was stolen." "Why did you think that?" the woman asked. "Well he replied, I saw those Christian stickers all over the car and when I heard you at the stop light I thought you had stolen the car."

Embracing the positives means avoiding the negatives. Never toy and play with something that could hurt you. This brings me to one of my favorite illustrations. If I have used it for you before "forgive." I started to use a computer term, which is great, LOL-translated, Laughing Out Loud. Anyway, my story. A man was at the top of a mountain and a rattlesnake asked for a ride down the mountain, fervently promising not to bite. When they reached the bottom, the snake bit the man. The man reminded the snake of his promise. "Well, replied the snake, you knew what I was when you picked me up". There is an old saying that might not fit in these days of sophisticated protection. Our old timers used to say "If you lie down with the dogs you will get fleas."

In summary, positive attitudes are happier, healthier, and a very inexpensive beauty aid. If you see someone without a smile, give him one of your own. It will probably come back to you, costing you nothing but making you richer. Remember my "gifts from an empty purse." Smiles are high on the list.

Have a happy week. Smile, and don't pick up snakes!

BHW

RISEING STAR NURSING CENTER

BY LINDA MERRITT

We enjoyed a fine meal at the Senior Citizens in Rising Star last Thursday. Lori Osborn (a DON) took blood pressures for those that wished to have theirs taken. It's always a pleasure going, you receive such a warm welcome and always made to feel at home.

Our congratulations to

the Wildcats and Lady Cats on the great job they are doing in Basketball. **GO WILDCATS!!**

A warm welcome to our new resident, Sadie Erwin.

Our thoughts and prayers for Lorene Jennings who is in the hospital.

We had our taste buds

going Monday afternoon. The residents experienced different kinds of flavored popcorn. There was the usual of butter and cheese but another one that was really far out was cinnamon popcorn. Not bad, was their reactions.

A warm smile is the universal language of kindness.

PIONEER NEWS

The quilting ladies had a slow start on Tuesday but by the time it warmed up almost all the ladies got there. We were glad to see Jean Alexander back after being away for a while. Our Lessie is still in Houston with her son. We pray she is feeling better and will be back soon. We are working on Lou's "Dresden Plate" and Christy's top. We always have a great time together.

The Chesshir farm is having baby calves every few days. Jim came the last weekend and got some pruning done (its that time again) on the shrubs before the cold wind it. Richard Wilson paid a surprise visit. Charlene had not seen him since he moved to New Mexico. Charlene enjoys the cold days because she likes to stay at home.

Frankie Smith and Jean Fore traveled to the Brownwood

Musical Saturday. They always have a good time going to all the musicals.

Earlene Burge was in Brownwood last week and enjoyed seeing all the grandchildren and their families. The newest great-grandson is now 2 and 1/2 months old and cuter every time she sees him. He has the sweetest smile. There is nothing like those grandchildren and great-grandchildren!

Earlene reports that there were eight at quilting today and though it doesn't seem like we do a lot of quilting, they get done in time. We are working on Christy Dallas' and Lou Griders' tops. They are such pretty quilts.

Well we had another brief cold spell, then some warm days. We even had to light up the old wood heater at Quilting on Tuesday. It does

make it warmer and gives atmosphere.

Words of Wisdom: A softer answer turneth away wrath; but grievous words stir up anger. Proverb 15:1.

SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

JANUARY 31 - FEBRUARY 4

MONDAY - Chicken Cacciatore, Buttered Pasta, Carrots, Applesauce, Bread, Milk
TUESDAY - Beef-A-Roni, Peas Salad, Cauliflower, Ranger Cookie, Bread, Milk
WEDNESDAY - Chicken Spaghetti, Green Beans, Buttered Corn, Tapioca Pudding, Bread, Milk
THURSDAY - Sloppy Joe on Bun, Baked Beans, Pickle Spear, Apricots, Peanut Butter Cookie, Milk

GARDEN TIPS

By James Nichols

It is time to get your bulbs ready and purchase any new ones that you might want for the spring growing season.

It is also time to device your fall blooming bulbs and replant them.

MA AND PA

By James Nichols

"Texas Trivia"

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Presently, during our Sunday night periods of worship, we are gleaned lessons from reading through the first Book of Samuel. This past Sunday night, in chapter 21 we found David fabricating a series of lies, then feigning insanity, primarily to save his life. My question at the beginning of the reading was, "Is lying, even in order to save your life, justifiable to God?" And another, "How can 'a man after God's own heart,' David, do such a thing?"

The answers are: 1) No, lying is not justifiable before God, not even to save your life. They lead to bad consequences for self, sometimes for others, as all sin does. 2) David was generally a man of great faith and courage — "a man after God's own heart" — but he sometimes, like us, fell due to fear and cowardice — due to "lapses of faith." The "bottom line," however, is that **with God and through His grace**, there is forgiveness from even such failings — such sins.

Come join us in times of Bible study and periods of worship as we learn lessons for daily living from God's word. We really do care about you, too.

Sunday Morning Bible Class...9:45a.m. Sunday Evening Worship...6:00p.m.
Sunday Morning Worship...10:45a.m. Wed. Evening Bible Study...7:00p.m.
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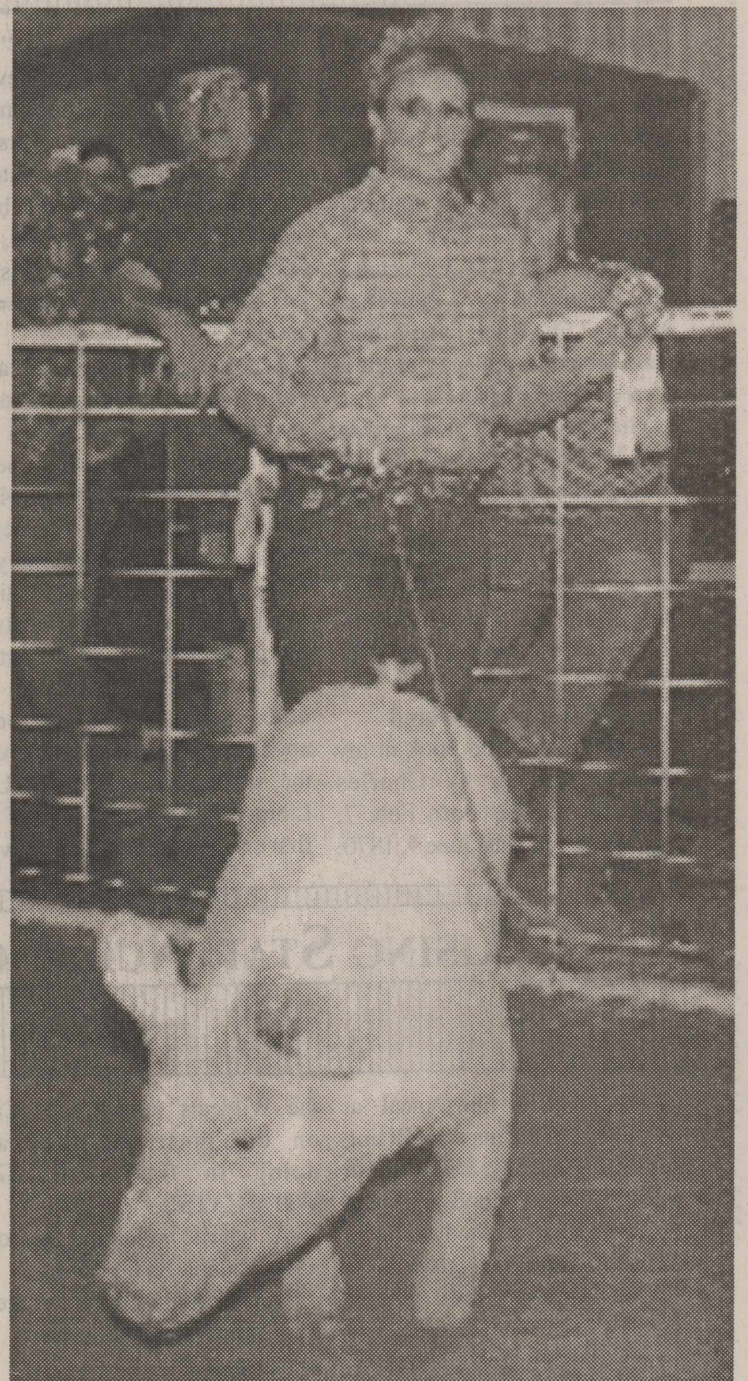
CALLAHAN COUNTY JR. LIVESTOCK SHOW—Saturday, January 22, 2005. Grand Champion Broiler Pen shown by Jonathan Hopkins of Cross Plains FFA.



CALLAHAN COUNTY JR. LIVESTOCK SHOW—Saturday, January 22, 2005. Reserve Grand Champion Market Steer, shown by Bronc Dillard of the Cross Plains FFA.



CALLAHAN COUNTY JR. LIVESTOCK SHOW—Saturday, January 22, 2005. Grand Champion Fryer Pen shown by Hailey Biggs of Cross Plains FFA.



CALLAHAN COUNTY JR. LIVESTOCK SHOW—Saturday, January 22, 2005. Reserve Grand Champion Market Swine shown by Mykea Douglass of Cross Plains FFA.

5th place Markus Maxwell, Cross Plains FFA.

Champion Black OPB-Jagher Gray, Clyde 4-H.

Reserve Champion Black OPB-Jagher Gray, Clyde 4-H.

1st place Cameron McIntire, Baird FFA; 2nd place Kat Johnston, Baird 4-H; 3rd place Kayla Dowdy, Clyde FFA; 4th place Jenea Rouse, Clyde 4-H; 5th place KaSarah Seabourn, Clyde 4-H.

Middle Weight Duroc
1st place Derek Edwardes, Clyde FFA; 2nd place Emily Harris, Cross Plains FFA; 3rd place Corey Jenkins, Eula FFA; 4th place Savana Wyatt, Cross Plains FFA; 5th place Jonathan Seabourn, Clyde 4-H.

Heavy Weight Duroc
1st place Jamie Cooley, Eula FFA; 2nd place KaSarah Seabourn, Clyde 4-H; 3rd place Kascha Blackburn, Clyde FFA; 4th place Kelbi Hyles, Cross Plains FFA; 5th place Kat Johnston, Baird 4-H.

Champion Duroc-Jamie Cooley, Eula FFA.

Reserve Champion Duroc-Derek Edwardes, Clyde FFA.

Light Weight Hampshire
1st place Kami Swaner, Eula 4-H; 2nd place Kayla Windham, Baird FFA; 3rd place Jonathan Seabourn, Clyde 4-H; 4th place BreeAnn Strickland, Baird 4-H; 5th place Mykea Douglass, Cross Plains FFA.

Middle Weight Hampshire
1st place Kayla Windham, Baird FFA; 2nd place Rode Merryman, Clyde FFA; 3rd place Kodie Magistro, Clyde 4-H; 4th place Kerrey Russell, Clyde FFA; 5th place Austin Rain, Eula 4-H.

Heavy Weight Hampshire
1st place Aaron Swaner, Eula FFA; 2nd place Garrett Strickland, Clyde 4-H; 3rd place Kelsee Richards, Cross Plains FFA; 4th place Katie Bessent, Baird 4-H; 5th place Jesse Norris, Cross Plains FFA.

Champion Hampshire-Kami Swaner, Eula 4-H.

Reserve Champion Hampshire-Aaron Swaner, Eula FFA.

Light Weight White OPB
1st place Brittany Walsh, Clyde 4-H; 2nd place Chandler Jeffries, Baird FFA; 3rd place Denise Shelton, Clyde 4-H; 4th place Jenea Rouse, Clyde 4-H; 5th place Trendon Rouse, Clyde 4-H.

Heavy Weight White OPB
1st place Cody Hyles, Cross Plains FFA; 2nd place Jagher Gray, Clyde 4-H; 3rd place Kaylen Miller, Clyde 4-H; 4th place Jenea Rouse, Clyde 4-H; 5th place Jamie Cooley, Eula FFA.

Champion White OPB-Cody Hyles, Cross Plains FFA.

Reserve Champion White

OPB-Jagher Gray, Clyde 4-H.

Light Weight Yorkshire

1st place Taylor Partain, Clyde FFA; 2nd place Tony Held, Clyde FFA; 3rd place Bobby Tackett, Clyde FFA; 4th place Garrett Scott, Eula 4-H.

Middle Weight Yorkshire
1st place Katie Bessent, Baird 4-H; 2nd place Garrett Scott, Eula 4-H; 3rd place Russell Bradshaw, Clyde 4-H; 4th place Dakota Gilliam, Cross Plains FFA.

Heavy Weight Yorkshire
1st place Mykea Douglass, Cross Plains FFA; 2nd place Seth Thompson, Eula 4-H; 3rd place Rode Merryman, Clyde FFA; 4th place Garrett Scott, Eula 4-H; 5th place Denise Shelton, Clyde 4-H.

Champion Yorkshire—Mykea Douglass, Cross Plains FFA.

Reserve Champion Yorkshire—Katie Bessent, Baird 4-H.

Light Weight Cross

1st place Katie Bessent, Baird 4-H; 2nd place Emily Harris, Cross Plains FFA; 3rd place Garrett Strickland, Clyde 4-H; 4th place Blake Hutchins, Cross Plains FFA; 5th place Randa Moore, Eula FFA.

Middle Weight Cross
1st place Tony Held, Clyde FFA; 2nd place Cody Hyles, Cross Plains FFA; 3rd place Cody Smith, Baird 4-H; 4th place Tyrel Mullican, Eula FFA; 5th place Kerrey Russell, Clyde FFA.

Heavy Weight Cross
1st place Katie Bessent, Baird 4-H; 2nd place Garrett Stephens, Cross Plains FFA; 3rd place Denise Shelton, Clyde 4-H; 4th place Mykea Douglass, Cross Plains FFA; 5th place Ty Strickland, Baird 4-H.

Champion Cross—Katie Bessent, Baird 4-H.

Reserve Champion Cross—Tony Held, Clyde FFA.

Grand Champion Market Swine—Katie Bessent, Baird 4-H.

Reserve Grand Champion Swine—Mykea Douglass, Cross Plains FFA.

MARKET LAMB
Jr. Showmanship-Breanna Mayfield, Clyde 4-H.

Sr. Showmanship-Emily Harris, Cross Plains FFA.

Light Weight Finewool
1st place Samantha Coffman, Clyde FFA; 2nd place Macayla Cook, Cross Plains FFA; 3rd place Andrea Lovell, Clyde 4-H.

Heavy Weight Finewool
1st place Natasha Wolford, Cross Plains FFA; 2nd place Samantha Coffman, Clyde FFA; 3rd place Aaron Lovell, Clyde 4-H.

Champion Finewool-Natasha Wolford, Cross Plains FFA.

Reserve Champion Finewool-

Samantha Coffman, Clyde FFA.

Light Weight Finewool Cross
1st place Zach Snell, Cross Plains FFA; 2nd place Jaelynn Stout, Cross Plains FFA.

Heavy Weight Finewool Cross
1st place Brandon Black, Clyde 4-H; 2nd place Tyler Mayfield, Clyde 4-H; 3rd place Emily Harris, Cross Plains FFA.

Champion Finewool Cross-Brandon Black, Clyde 4-H.

Reserve Champion Finewool Cross-Tyler Mayfield, Clyde 4-H.

Light Weight Southdown
1st place Christina Brown, Cross Plains FFA; 2nd place BreeAnn Strickland, Baird 4-H; 3rd place Kat Johnston, Baird 4-H; 4th place Garrett Scott, Eula 4-H.

Heavy Weight Southdown
1st place Emily Harris, Cross Plains FFA; 2nd place Garrett Scott, Eula 4-H; 3rd place Betty Mathews, Cross Plains FFA.

Champion Southdown-Emily Harris, Cross Plains FFA.

Reserve Champion Southdown-Garrett Scott, Eula 4-H.

Light Weight Medium Wool
1st place Garrett Stephens, Cross Plains FFA; 2nd place Megan Thomas, Cross Plains FFA; 3rd place Brett Berry, Clyde 4-H; 4th place Austin Thomas, Cross Plains FFA; 5th place Kyle Cunningham, Cross Plains FFA.

Middle Weight Medium Wool
1st place Brandon Black, Clyde 4-H; 2nd place Tyler Mayfield, Clyde 4-H; 3rd place Breanna Mayfield, Clyde 4-H; 4th place Liana Rickenbacker, Cross Plains FFA; 5th place Garrett Stephens, Cross Plains FFA.

Heavy Weight Medium Wool
1st place Emily Harris, Cross Plains FFA; 2nd place Breanna Mayfield, Clyde 4-H; 3rd place Macayla Cook, Cross Plains FFA; 4th place Natasha Wolford, Cross Plains FFA; 5th place J.D. Cook, Cross Plains FFA.

Champion Medium Wool-Emily Harris, Cross Plains FFA.

Reserve Champion Medium Wool-Brandon Black, Clyde 4-H.

Grand Champion Market Lamb-Emily Harris, Cross Plains FFA.

Reserve Grand Champion Market Lamb-Brandon Black, Clyde 4-H.

GOATS
Jr. Showmanship-Kinsey Dean, Eula 4-H.

Sr. Showmanship-Whitney Hicks, Clyde 4-H.

Breeding Goats
Yearling Does
1st place Katelynn Mitchell, Baird 4-H; 2nd place Hayden Wyatt, Cross Plains FFA; 3rd place Nicki Carroll, Eula 4-H; 4th place Ty Rhoads, Baird 4-H.

Does (18-24 months)
1st place Charlie Voigts,

Baird 4-H; 2nd place Ty Rhoads, Baird 4-H.

Aged Does
1st place Katelynn Mitchell, Baird 4-H; 2nd place Charlie Voigts, Baird 4-H.

Champion Breeding Boer Goat-Katelynn Mitchell, Baird 4-H.

Reserve Champion Breeding Boer Goat-Charlie Voigts, Baird 4-H.

Meat Goat
Class 1
1st place Jarrod Hamilton, Eula 4-H; 2nd place Jessica King, Baird 4-H; 3rd place Angela Conway, Eula 4-H; 4th place Whitney Hicks, Clyde 4-H; 5th place Jessi Botello, Clyde FFA.

Class 2
1st place Joe Dalton Wyatt, Cross Plains FFA; 2nd place Brandon Scarbrough, Clyde FFA; 3rd place Wes Hamilton, Eula 4-H; 4th place Rebecca Hamilton, Eula 4-H; 5th place Brandon Scarbrough, Clyde FFA.

Class 3
1st place Clay Koenig, Cross Plains FFA; 2nd place Lacy Jones, Baird 4-H; 3rd place Kinsey Dean, Eula 4-H; 4th place Brandon Scarbrough, Clyde FFA; 5th place Barrett Ancinec, Clyde 4-H.

Class 4
1st place Cody Sliger, Cross Plains FFA; 2nd place Kelby Dean, Eula 4-H; 3rd place Kaysi Dean, Eula 4-H; 4th place Lane Ancell, Eula 4-H; 5th place Kaysi Dean, Eula 4-H.

Class 5
1st place Ethan White, Eula 4-H; 2nd place Joe Dalton Wyatt, Cross Plains FFA; 3rd place Seth Thompson, Eula 4-H; 4th place Keldyn Atkinson, Clyde 4-H; 5th place Kinsey Dean, Eula 4-H.

Class 6
1st place Jurnee Thomas, Cross Plains FFA; 2nd place Whitney Hicks, Clyde 4-H; 3rd place Shala Wilson, Clyde 4-H; 4th place Clay Koenig, Cross Plains FFA; 5th place J. Callaway, Cross Plains FFA.

Class 7
1st place Jurnee Thomas, Cross Plains FFA; 2nd place Joe Dalton Wyatt, Cross Plains FFA; 3rd place Jackie Hayhurst, Clyde FFA; 4th place Whitney Hicks, Clyde 4-H; 5th place Whitney Hicks, Clyde 4-H.

Class 8
1st place Kaysi Dean, Eula 4-H; 2nd place Kinsey Dean, Eula 4-H; 3rd place Keldyn Atkinson, Clyde 4-H; 4th place Ethan White, Eula 4-H; 5th place Ricky Daniels, Cross Plains FFA.

Class 9
1st place Ricky Daniels, Cross Plains FFA; 2nd place Katelynn Mitchell, Baird 4-H; 3rd place Ethan White, Eula 4-H; 4th place Jameson Botello, Clyde FFA; 5th place Dillan Strickland, Clyde 4-H.

Class 10
1st place Ethan White, Eula 4-

H; 2nd place Ethan White, Eula 4-H; 3rd place Kelby Dean, Eula 4-H; 4th place Katelynn Mitchell, Baird 4-H; 5th place Jurnee Thomas, Cross Plains FFA.

Class 11
1st place Hayden Wyatt, Cross Plains FFA; 2nd place Hayden Wyatt, Cross Plains FFA; 3rd place Bret Wheeler, Cross Plains FFA; 4th place Reagan Darnell, Clyde 4-H; 5th place Callie Range, Eula 4-H.

Grand Champion Market Goat-Ethan White, Eula 4-H.

Reserve Grand Champion Market Goat-Ethan White, Eula 4-H.

BEEF CATTLE
Jr. Showmanship-Brandon Black, Clyde 4-H.

Sr. Showmanship-Kandi Anders, Clyde FFA.

Market Steer
Light Weight American Cross Steers

1st place Kandi Anders, Clyde FFA; 2nd place Kutter Russell, Clyde FFA; 3rd place Kourtney Russell, Clyde FFA.

Heavy Weight American Cross Steers

1st place Dayna Bennett, Cross Plains FFA; 2nd place Brandon Black, Clyde 4-H; 3rd place Emma Bennett, Cross Plains FFA.

Champion American Cross Steer-Kandi Anders, Clyde FFA.

Reserve Champion American Cross Steer-Dayna Bennett, Cross Plains FFA.

Light Weight English
1st place Bronc Dillard, Cross Plains FFA; 2nd place Kandi Anders, Clyde FFA; 3rd place

Heath Walker, Cross Plains FFA.

Heavy Weight English
1st place Samantha Dickson, Cross Plains FFA; 2nd place Kourtney Russell, Clyde FFA; 3rd place Sterling Rutland, Clyde 4-H.

Champion English Steer-Bronc Dillard, Cross Plains FFA.

Reserve Champion English Steer-Kandi Anders, Clyde FFA.

Light Weight European Steers
1st place Jeremy Torres, Cross Plains FFA; 2nd place Kandi Anders, Clyde FFA; 3rd place River Dillard, Cross Plains FFA; 4th place Tru Avants, Cross Plains FFA; 5th place Blan Scott, Baird FFA.

Middle Weight European Steers
1st place Chris McBride, Cross Plains FFA; 2nd place Sterling Rutland, Clyde 4-H; 3rd place

Cierra Odum, Cross Plains FFA; 4th place Justin Dickson, Cross Plains FFA; 5th place Amber Clark, Baird 4-H.

Heavy Weight European Steers
1st place Jeremy Torres, Cross Plains FFA; 2nd place Brandon Black, Clyde 4-H; 3rd place Issac Dickey, Baird FFA; 4th place Ricardo Lopez, Baird FFA; 5th place Issac Dickey, Baird FFA.

Champion European Steer-Jeremy Torres, Cross Plains FFA.

Reserve Champion European Steer-Kandi Anders, Clyde FFA.

Grand Champion Market Steer-Jeremy Torres, Cross Plains FFA.

Reserve Grand Champion Market Steer-Bronc Dillard, Cross Plains FFA.

SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

The Cross Plains I.S.D. Board of Trustees met in a regular meeting with the following members present: Vicki Dillard, Susan Schaefer, Donnie Dillard, Bryan Bennett, Jim Cook, Monty Richards and Reggie Pillans.

The following administrators and guests were also in attendance: Superintendent Jackie Tension, High School Principal Jimmie Cearley and Elementary Principal Margie Sowell and guest, David Hagler.

Prayer was led by Monty Richards.

Minutes were approved as read.

Motion was made by Cook and seconded by V. Dillard that they adopt TASB Update 74. For 7 Against 0

Motion was made by Pillans and seconded by Bennett that they adopt TASB Local Policy EIE (Local

as presented. For 7 Against 0

Motion was made by D. Dillard and seconded by Cook approve to apply for a waiver for Cross Plains I.S.D. for early start day for 2005-06 school year. For 7 Against 0

Motion was made by Bennett and seconded by D. Dillard to proceed with random drug testing program community meetings. For 7 Against 0

Executive Session in 9:52 p.m. Motion was made by D. Dillard and seconded by V. Dillard to extend the superintendent's contract year thru 2007-08, with raise beginning July 1, 2005. For 7 Against 0

Executive session out at 12:15 a.m.

Motion was made by V. Dillard and seconded by Bennett to adjourn. For 7 Against 0

C.P. Student Review

The Lady Buffs Basketball Report

The Cross Plains Lady Buffaloes defeated Gorman last week by a score of 50-42 and then lost a close one to Albany in overtime.

Gorman proved to be a scrappy opponent, as their tight zone forced us to make outside shots and we struggled to do that.

It wasn't our best night, but good defense in the 4th quarter allowed the Lady Buffs to prevail.

Against Albany, we played good solid ball until the last 4 minutes of the game. We were

winning by 14 points at this point but Albany made a furious comeback to tie the game and send it into overtime. In the end, we lost by a score of 50-47.

We let a golden opportunity slip away but we need to bounce back and create new opportunities for our team. We played a great three and a half quarters and just need to keep plugging away, as we head into the second half of district competition.

Submitted by
Coach Barry Gill



DR. ROB HARLE

Dr. Rob Harle accepts position on Taylor Electric board

Taylor Electric Cooperative in Merkel, announces the appointment of new Board Member, Dr. Rob Harle from Baird, Texas. Dr. Harle is founder of the Callahan Country Veterinarian Clinic. Dr. Harle will represent Zone 2, which is the service area of Callahan, Eastland, Jones and Shackelford counties.

He was appointed by the Board of Directors at Taylor Electric to fulfill the term of long time Board Director, Mr. Derrell Dean, who recently withdrew his position due to health restraints. Dr. Harle began his service with the Cooperative this January.



SAFETY AWARDS—Twelve Callahan County maintenance section employees were honored for their outstanding safety efforts during the recent Abilene District's annual Safety Awards Banquet. Texas Department of

Transportation employees receiving awards were from the left, back row, Rudy Rodriguez, maintenance section assistant, Gary Shelnett, Larry Cauthen, Michael Hines, Joey Henley, Jeff

Holland and Michael Rudder. Front row from the left are Mikey Santos, Kent Stennett, Larry McIntire, Pedro Cerda, Jr. and Hector Aguirre. (TxDOT photo by Mary Beth Kilgore).

Callahan County TxDOT employees earn awards at safety banquet

ABILENE—The Texas Department of Transportation's Abilene district held their annual Safety Awards Banquet recently at the Taylor County Expo Center in Abilene. This banquet is held annually to recognize the district employees' outstanding efforts in the operation of TxDOT

vehicles and equipment and for having no work related injuries.

Twelve Callahan County maintenance section employees were recognized for combined totals of 151 years as safe operators and 116 years of no injury.

Members of the Callahan County maintenance section

receiving awards were: Hector Aguirre, Larry Cauthen, Pedro Cerda, Jr., Joey Henley, Michael Hines, and Jeff Holland. Also receiving honors were Larry McIntire, Rudy Rodriguez, maintenance section assistant, Michael Rudder, Mikey Santos, Gary Shelnett, and Billy Stennett.

SCHOOL MENU

JANUARY 31 - FEBRUARY 4

BREAKFAST	LUNCH
MONDAY - Breakfast Burrito, Assorted Juice	MONDAY - Pizza, Salad, Corn, Vanilla Pudding
TUESDAY - Waffle Sausage, Assorted Juice	TUESDAY - Salisbury Steak w/ Brown Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Vegy Blend, Rolls, Pears
WEDNESDAY - Poptart, Yogurt, Assorted Juice	WEDNESDAY - Chicken Chimichangas, Salad, Pinto Beans, Pineapples
THURSDAY - Cereal, Graham Crackers, Assorted Juice	THURSDAY - Turkey & Rice, Peas & Carrots, Bread Stick, Fresh Fruit
FRIDAY - Breakfast Bread, Assorted Juice	FRIDAY - Submarine Sandwich, Salad, Pickle, Chips, Chocolate Pudding

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January 27, 2005

Callahan Co. Students on CJC Dean's list

Cisco Junior College has just released their final fall Dean's list.

Students on this list from Callahan County are Colby Rowley of Baird, Kenneth Brigman, Jeffrey Hines, Kimi Pilgrim, Vivian Shaw and Anthony Smith of Clyde, and Joel McCready and Emily Winfrey of Cross Plains.

Congratulations to all these students.

Callahan County DPS Report

Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from January 16, 2005 through January 22, 2005 include:

Cases Investigated

Warnings—68
Complaints—78
DWI—1
DWL—1
Fugitive Arrest-Bond Forfeiture—1
Fugitive Arrest-Theft By Check—1

Vehicle Accidents

There were three vehicle accidents investigated during this time span.

Autism Experts to Speak January 29

Saturday, January 29, two of Texas' best in the area of Autism Spectrum Disorders will be speaking at the Region 14 Educational Service Center in Abilene from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Dr. Denis McCallon, a Dallas psychologist who specializes in Asperger Syndrome, and Dr. Roger Robinson, a Fort Worth psychiatrist who is an expert with Autism Spectrum Disorders, will discuss the diagnosis and treatment of Autism and other Pervasive Developmental Disorders.

Melissa Richardson, the Autism Consultant at the Regional 14 Educational Service Center, has planned this program to educate medical professionals, educators, parents, and the community in general not only about the increase in Autism Spectrum Disorders but also about the potential of persons diagnosed with ASD.

There is no charge for the program. If you plan to attend, please contact Melissa Richardson at (325) 675-8636 or register online at:

<http://www.esc14.net/mis/ssl.asp?Type=DATE&sessNum=004763>

Helping Hans, the Abilene Area Asperger Support group is assisting with this program. For more information about Helping Hans, contact Donald and Nancy Hughes at (254) 629-3477 or the Ministry of Counseling and Enrichment at Abilene First Baptist Church at 800-375-8793.

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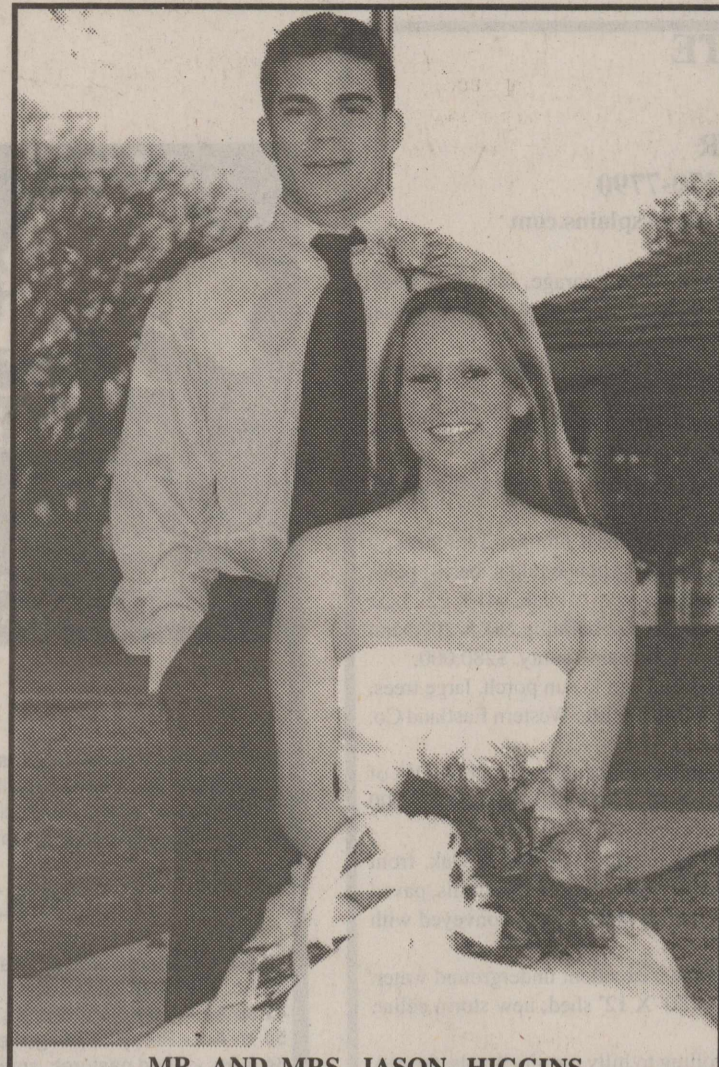
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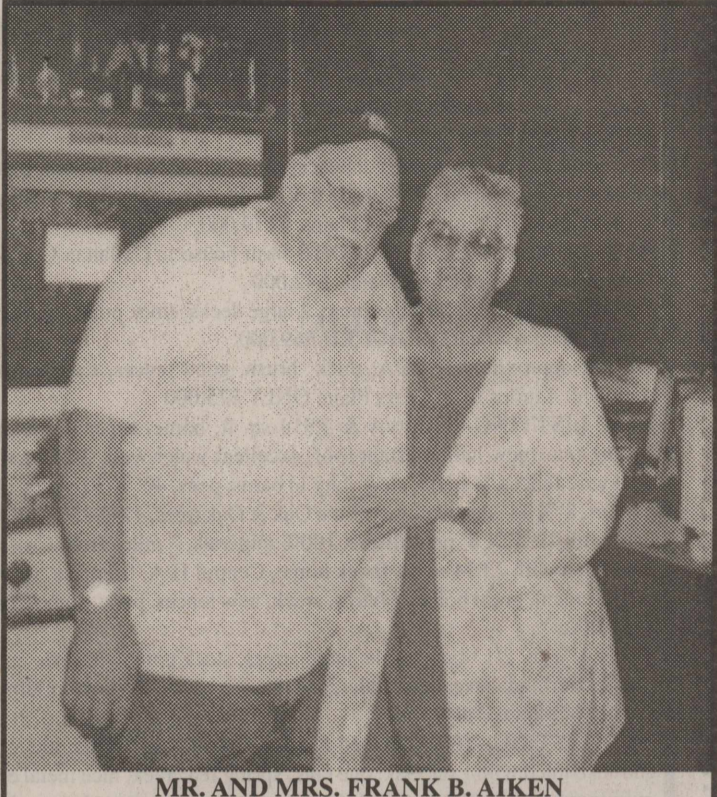


MR. AND MRS. JASON HIGGINS

Reich-Higgins United in Marriage December 18th

Hannah Reich of Cisco and Jason Higgins of Granbury were married on December 18, 2004 in Cross Plains with Judge Brad Stephenson officiating. Hannah is the daughter of Tim and Donna Reich of Cisco. Jason is the son of Billy and Debby Whiteley of Cross Plains. The couple currently reside in Granbury.

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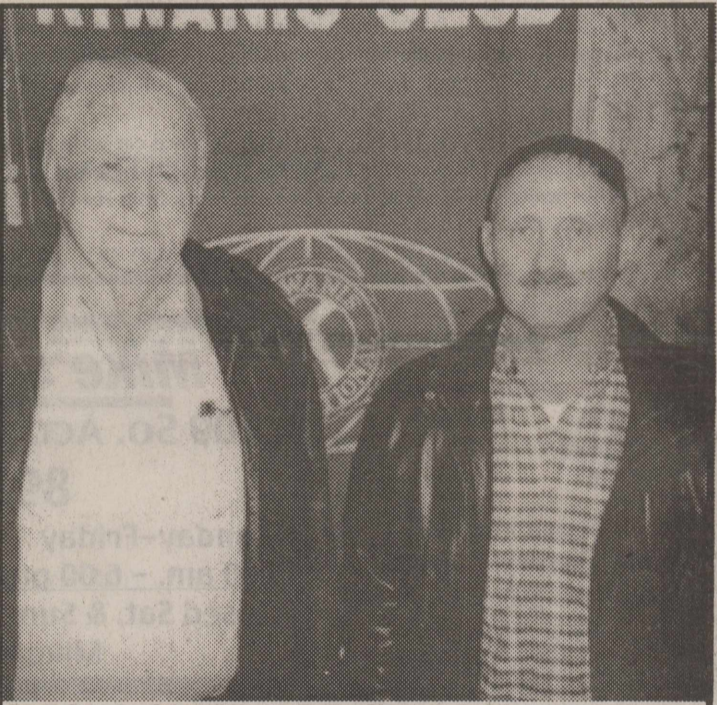
MR. AND MRS. FRANK B. AIKEN

Golson-Aiken Wed January 14, 2005


Merilyn Golson and Frank B. Aiken were united in marriage at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, January 14, 2005, at the Courthouse in Arlington by Justice of the Peace, Mrs. Davis. Merilyn is the granddaughter of the late Lonnie and Ida Gray of Pioneer. She has a daughter, Mary Jo Hull of Abilene, who has three daughters and three grandchildren, and a son, John E. Schaefer, of Cleveland, Texas, who has two sons and a daughter. Merilyn is employed at Ranger Care Center in Ranger. Frank is the son of the late John and Irene Aiken of Cross Plains. He has two daughters, Michelle Irvin of Coleman, who has three daughters, and Monica Flippen, who has one son, and a son, Denis Aiken of Coleman. Frank is employed at Boze Center School in Grand Prairie. The couple are currently residing in Grand Prairie, but plan to make their home in Ranger.

Local Library Writing Contest Welcomes Home-School Students

For the sixth consecutive year, the Cross Plains Public Library is sponsoring a writing contest for all students in Grades Pre-K through 12 in the Cross Plains I.S.D. Any home-schooled students who are eligible to attend the Cross Plains schools are encouraged to enter, also. Students may enter any one of the three categories: poetry, essay, or short story. Poems may be of any kind: blank verse, haiku, etc. (For the sake of the judge's eyesight; please, only one entry per student!) If your student(s) would like to enter, you may pick up an entry form at the Cross Plains Public Library between 1 and 5 PM, Monday through Friday, and return the entries there by 5:00 PM, Thursday, March 24, 2005. The entries will be "blind" judged by a retired college level teacher of English. As in previous years, we will award ribbons for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each grade, and trophies for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd overall. Additionally, the three best overall entries will be printed in the *Cross Plains Review*. For further information, please contact the Library at 254-725-7722. Submitted by Ginny Hoskins



SPECIAL GUEST — Bob Green (left) was the guest speaker for the Kiwanis Club on Tuesday, January 18th. He spoke on his military experiences in Okinawa. The Kiwanis programs are open to the public. They meet every Tuesday at noon at Jean's Feed Barn.



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Texas Wildland Fire School Feb. 11-13

Registration is now underway for the 4th annual Central Texas Wildland Fire School. The school will be held February 11-13, at the Camp Bowie Military Reservation in Brownwood. The sessions are sponsored by Texas Forest Service and the Dam Volunteer Fire Department. Courses being offered are Wildland Firefighting for Volunteer and Career Departments, GPS Orientation, Tanker Shuttle, Mini Engine Academy, Grants for the Fire Service and Rest and Rehab for Fatigued Fighters. These classes offer instruction in fire fighting methods, structure triage, tactics and suppression, safety, tools and equipment. Also included are tanker functions and planning, foreman duties, GPS orientation and function, and rest and rehabilitation for fatigued fire fighters. These classes will include classroom and field exercise with a live burn. Personal Protective Equipment will be required for participation in field exercises. Although the classes are geared towards fire departments, auxiliary groups and citizen emergency response teams, they are open to anyone interested in attending. Detailed information and registration can be obtained online at www.tamu.edu/ticc. The cost for the weekend courses is \$50.00 payable to the Texas Forest Service. Breakfast and lunch meals will be provided by the Dam Volunteer Fire Department at a cost of \$10.00 a day. Barrack lodging is available at no charge. Tuition grants are available through the Forest Service under House Bill 2604. Contact Rick Boehm at (979) 458-7351 for grant information. Class and registration information is available through Texas Forest Service by Nick Harrison at (325) 676-5827 or Dam Volunteer Fire Department by Mona McCombs at (325) 784-7544.

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